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WILD-LIFE RESERVATIONS
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All national reservations for the protection of wild life are listed, and tabular information regarding each is given, in a publication just issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The publication was prepared by the Bureau of Biological Survey, which administers 82 areas set aside as wild-life sanctuaries, especially for those birds and mammals which have become greatly reduced in numbers or are threatened with extinction.

In an introductory statement the need is emphasized for additional marshland areas for waterfowl. Such refuge areas, it is stated, will probably be materially increased in the not distant future by the establishment of refuges for migratory birds at the principal concentration places of the various species in the United States. This has been made possible by the migratory-bird conservation act of February 18, 1929, which provides for the acquisition and maintenance by the Federal Government of areas on which valuable birds may nest, rest, and feed.

In addition to the wild-life reservations administered by the Biological Survey, some areas within national forests maintained by the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, have been set aside to afford protection particularly to big-game animals, such as buffalo, deer, mountain sheep, elk, and antelope. On other areas, as national parks, national monuments, and lighthouse reservations, administered by other departments of the Government, for scenic, historic, or other special purposes, wild life is given protection incidentally. All such national wild-life reservations are listed in the new publication, and information is given as to size in acres and the principal species of birds and mammals protected. There are maps which show the locations of the reservations listed.

The bulletin, "National Wild-Life Reservations," Miscellaneous Publication, No. 51-M, may be obtained free from the Office of Information, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., as long as there is a supply available for free distribution.

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